



# Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association

## Executive Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025

**Location:** Cotuit Library / Virtual

### **Attendance**

**Present:** Carol Zais, Lisa Vasiloff, Bob Dee, Lisa Nagel, Dave Fravel, Natalie Spence, Christy Curtis, Karen Harvey Teeley, John Havel, DJ Long, Phil Odence

**Absent:**

**Guest:** Councilor Seth Burdick

### **Regular Business**

**Call to Order:** Chair Bob Dee called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Absent any objections, the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of December 3, 2024, were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Absent any objections, the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

#### **President's Updates:**

Carol recommends to subscribing to the Barnstable County newsletter. (capecod.gov)

We still have a board opening for now-August. (Dave, Christy, Carol are also up in August)

Carol reviewed relevant documents in shared drive.

Ropes Beach- PJ in DPW says weeding was complete in December.

Memorial Park- The Town Architect wrote a letter of intent to the CPC and the project was accepted for review. We, as a board, have made this the #1 priority for the last several years. The plan will be presented on April 28. Best case, fund would be available in the Fall. Seth will write a letter of support.

Kettleers offered to let us hand out information at their fan appreciation night. We will see if the library will distribute our brochures.

#### **Precinct 7 Report:**

Seth reviewed the DPW list. Seth anticipates Memorial Report will be funded. Town Dock improvements are unlikely to get addressed.

The Town is facing a number of steep budget challenges compounded by uncertainty in the fed and economy. Beyond sewers, the schools have serious capital improvement needs. Short term, finances are in reasonable shape, but Seth anticipates long term issues.

### **Old Business**

**Website/Communications:** Domain is protected. Dealt with a website bug. A few new addresses. Open rates are very good, >60%.

**Membership:** 163 members, about 5 weeks ahead of last year. We are above 40% of annual goal with most segments, but so far, it's been mostly low hanging fruit. Need to work on bringing new folks in. The % of donations is higher, but donations have been smaller. On net donations per member are down a bit.

Should we go digital with the newsletter? Can still mail for the annual appeal. Conversation deferred to next month.

**CSCA History:** Completed aggregation of all historical information in a spreadsheet.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Y4GFhi42sQuerN2viRrkC2K5YOaV87txxJWz3tYifmY/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

## ***New Business***

### **Commission Summaries:**

Q2 assignments: Prudential- Natalie, Fire- Phil, Water- Bob.

Discussion about the value of the summaries. John suggested we publish the notes on the website; we would need to standardize form and content. Carol is pushing on the Prudential Committee equip Freedom Hall for streaming meetings.

### **Swag for 4<sup>th</sup> of July?**

Try for this year. A stand would offer opportunities for collecting donations.

### **Concerns for Cotuit**

Discussed: Memorial Park renovation, School Field rebuild Loop bathhouse, Loop Beach cleanup, Old Shore Road ramp erosion remediation. Carol will rewrite the list.

### **Other**

The Oysterfest would like to present a donation at the May meeting. Carol will facilitate.

Water Commissioners would like to do a community meeting about septic systems. All agreed it is a good idea.

## ***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Odenca, Secretary

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Board Meetings- 4/1/25, 5/6/25, 6/3/25, 7/1/25, 8/5/25, 9/2/25, 10/7/25, 11/4/25, 12/2/25 *Currents*  
Deadlines- ?